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A PERSONAL NOTE: We lost another good friend of OTR, Jack Shugg. Jack died on May 24. A friend of Max Schmid, working with him on the Golden Age of Radio on WBAI in the early 1980's, Jack was a frequent attendee at our convention, selling his videos and radio memorabilia in conference Room 6.

REVISED ULTIMATE HISTORY: Just a reminder that this book was originally written in 1992 and is the first and original book listing Network radio programming and the shows that are in circulation.

The Third Supplement to the Revised Ultimate History is available for \$4.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. Supplement #1, 2 and 3 are \$15 plus \$2.00 P&H. #2 and 3 are \$11.50 plus \$1.50 P&H. The complete book including all 3 supplements is \$58 plus \$4 P&H.

The Third Supplement of the Necrology is also available for \$2.00. The complete Necrology is \$14.00 which includes all three supplements.

CONVENTION 2000 (Our 25th): Details on flyers.

For our 25th Convention, we are asking members to send in short articles about their favorite and meaningful experiences in previous conventions. These will be put in our convention booklet. You can e-mail or mail them in (camera ready). They should be less than one page so we can put in as many as possible. Lee Munsick did one last year.

Friends of Old-Time Radio Script Contest

The Seventh annual original script writing contest is now open. We would like an original 30 minute script which must be based on any of the great radio programs of the past, such as The Shadow, Suspense, etc. **The only difference this time is that they should not be a comedy.** The script can have the characters originating in their original era and time or you can update the time to today. If you have entered before and you have not won in 2 years, please enter again.

The script must have all music and sound cues as well as all the spoken material. Try to arrange it in script form so it doesn't have to be retyped.

The prize for the best script will be \$150 and will have its live performance at our 2001 convention on Thursday evening after dinner. We would like you to attend our convention to participate but it is not mandatory. You can direct it if you wish. There will be some rehearsal time. Scripts must be submitted by **September 1, 2000**. Send to Dave Zwengler, 319 Plymouth Rd., North Brunswick, NJ 08902 (732) 940-7639. A distinguished panel of old-time radio buffs including Arthur Anderson will pick the winning script. They must be very readable. All are eligible so please spread the word.

Winners have been Michael Giorgio, James Nixon, Edgar Russell, III, Donald Dortmund, Joel Senter and Arlene Osborne. This year's winner was Michael Leannah.

Will all clubs with newsletters print the above in order to give everyone a chance?

CONVENTION 1999: Convention Booklets are available for \$2.50 including P&H. FOTR Chip clips which we gave out to all registrants are available for \$1.55 including P&H.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: Chattanooga Airwaves, May – Jun; More radio moments by Elizabeth McLeod...Tradition, May – Jun; articles about Smiley Burnette; Ralph Stanley; Johnny Western...Radio Recall, Jun; articles about Big Broadcast of 1928; Easy Aces...Old Time Radio Digest, Spring; Jack Benny by script girl, Jane Tucker...God Bless America and Kate Smith ...Return With us Now, June; Radio's Greatest Moments (Cont.)...Jul; article about busy radio performers...Illustrated Press, June; article about Welcome Travelers...Radio Collectors of America Newsletter, May; article about The Whistler...Jun; article about Phil Harris and Alice Faye; Sybil Trent (copy of NYTime obituary)...SPERDVAC Newsletter, June; article about the Quiz Kids...RLL on the Air, Jun; articles about Chuck Schaden; Eleanor

Roosevelt...**Tape Squeal**, Mar - May; article about The Real Lone Ranger...**Nostalgia Digest**, Aug - Sep; articles about William Bendix; Radio Chefs; Frank Morgan; Fannie Brice; Ozzie and Harriet.

BOOKS: (Most books can also be purchased at <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>, <Amazon.com> or <Barnesandnoble.com>. **Greenwood Publishing Group** (Box 5007, Westport, CT 06881) has published many bio-bibliographies in the performing arts. James Robert Parish is the series editor. 79 have been published. For a list or to order call 1-800-225-5800 or 1-203-226-3571...From Greenwood comes "**Put Your Dreams Away; A Frank Sinatra Discography**. cost is \$99.50, 640 pages, Pub. 2000. It is compiled by Luiz Carlos do Nascimento Silva. Is a complete listing of all recording sessions, many radio programs with songs recorded, personnel and much else...**Swing It, The Andrews Sisters Story** by John Sforza (attending our convention); Publ. by Univ. Press of Kentucky, 2000, 280 pages. Can be purchased at local book store; no phone number of price sent. Address of UP of KY is 663 So. Limestone St., Lexington, KY 40508 ...**Leonard Maltin** tells me that his book, **The Great American Broadcast** will be published in paperback in November. The only difference is correction of many typos...**Radio Live! Television Live! Those Golden Days When Horses Were Coconuts** by Bob Mott; published by McFarland & Company (1-800-253-2187) or (336) 246-4460. 272 pages of fascinating reminiscing about sound effects and his own experiences in radio and television.

CONVENTIONS:

25th Old-time Country Music Contest and Festival, Aug 28 - Sep 3 at Pottawattamie Country Fairgrounds in Avoca, Iowa. For information contact Bob Everhart at Box 438, Walnut, IA 51577 (712) 762-4363.

25th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention, Oct 19 - 22 at the Holiday Inn-North, Newark, NJ; For information contact Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514 (203) 248-2887 <JayHick@aol.com>

17th Annual SPERDVAC Convention, Nov 10 - 12 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, L.A. More details later.

THE INTERNET: Many of my subscribers are on the Internet. A list was started in November of 1995. A complete alphabetical list can be obtained by sending me a SASE. If you want to get on the mailing list for the Old Time Radio Digest (Round table) on the Internet, e-mail to this address: <old.time.radio-request@oldradio.net>...To get on Charlie Summers Old Radio Mailing list email <oldradio-request@oldradio.net>: Charlie's mailing list is a moderated one dedicated to Old Radio between the 1920's and the end of 1962...**Bill Wandel** <bwandel@webtv.net>...**Bob Burchett** <Haradio@hotmail.com>...

WEB SITES: Various OTR Web sites will be posted. All begin with <http://www.> Let me know what yours is: **Lou Genco** (many collectors have their sites here including Vintage Broadcasts; Ted Davenport; Ed Carr; Fred Berney) <old-time.com>...**Jim Widner** <otr.com> (Radio Days)...**Metro Golden Memories** <mg-memories.com>... **BRC (Bob Burnham)** <brcradio.com/>...**Ted Kneebone** <otrsite.com/kneebone>...**Jerry Haendiges** <otrsite.com/radiolog/index.html>...**John Cooper** <angelfire.com/wv/otrmagic/index.html> ...**Australian Film and Sound** <Screensound.gov.au>...**Owens Pomeroy (Golden Radio Buffs)** (not www) <members.aol.com/grbmd>.. **OTR Digest** <www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/books/>

CATALOGS AND NEW SHOWS (All addresses first): **McCoy's Recording** (Pat McCoy), Box 1069, Richland, WA 99352...**Jerry Haendiges**, 13808 Sunset Dr., Whittier, CA 90602 <JHaendiges@aol.com>...**Roger Hill's "Nothing's New"** #23 Bayhill Shopping Center, San Bruno, CA 94066 (650) 871-6063...**Vintage Broadcasts** (Andy Blatt), Box 50065, Staten Island, NY 10305 (1-800-418-1445)...**Radio Memories** (Ted Davenport), 1600 Wewoka St., North Little Rock, AR 72116 (501) 835-0465...**Great American Radio (GAR)** (Garry Kramer), Box 504, Genesee, MI 48437...**Rainy Day Books**, Box 775, Fitzwilliam, NH 03447 (603) 585-3448...**Metro Golden Memories**, 5414 W. Addison St., Chicago, IL 60641 (1-800-538-6675)...**AVPRO** (Don Aston), Box 1392, Lake Elsinore, CA 92531 (1-888-3328776)...**Radio Spirits**, Box 2141, Schiller Park, IL 60176...**Redmond Nostalgia Co.** (David Kiner), Box 82, Redmond, WA 98073...**SPERDVAC Library** (Box 7177, Van Nuys, CA 91409)...**Travis Conner**, 1311 Avon Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45229 <connertm@cinternet.net>...**John Barber**, 1318 Dauphine St., New Orleans, LA 70116... **Vintage Audio** (Tom Martin), 461 Maple Ave., Saratoga Springs, NY 12866 (518) 584-1112 <Thomasmartin2@compuserve.com>...**John Cooper** Rt 1 Box 371, Clarksburg, WV 26301 <Mysto99@aol.com>...**Gordon Payton (The Scifi Guy)**, #114 E Cuthbert Blvd., Westmont, NJ 08108 <thescifiguy@juno.com>...**Satellite Video Production** (Fred Berney) Box 638, Walkersville, MD 21793 (1-800-747-0856) <Berney@fred.net>...**BRC Productions** (Bob Burnham), Box 158, Dearborn, MI 48127

<platecap@brcradio.com> <www.brcradio.com>...**Hello Again Radio** (Bob Burchett), 10280 Gunpowder Rd., Florence, KY 41042

All listings below list sampling of shows. John Barber, more cassettes, comics, books and scripts...From SPERDVAC some new shows: Twenty Questions; 12/22/51...Ford Showroom (2 shows)...Camel Caravan; 1/30/1939...**Radio Memories**; Frontier Gentleman; Abbott and Costello; March of Time...**Vintage Broadcasts**; Red Ryder; Burns and Allen; Our Miss Brooks...**BRC Productions**; 2000 catalog has many Classic videos...**Hello Again Radio**; Red Ryder; Smiley Burnett; Man Called X

NEW ADDRESSES: Steven Hager, 319 Broad St, Emmaus PA, 18049...**Ron Barnett** (Audio Tapes; **Echoes of the Past**), Box 80840, Las Vegas, NV 89180 (702) 562-7875 <Otrronb@aol.com>

NEW FRIENDS AND RETURNEES: Raymond Lamm, 856 56 St., Brooklyn, NY 11220...**Mike Finley**, 122 Kittelberger Park #3, Webster, NY 14580...**Natalie McNamee**, Box 602, Organ, NM 88052

OLD FRIENDS: Stu Weiss plays the oldies once a week. Tune in on Fridays 7 pm till 1 am. Just go to www.WPDQ.com. Then click on listen...**Bill Anthony**, 1684 Beryl Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15227 still looking for LUX "Man Who Came to Dinner" 3/27/50 and The Universal Serial "Jungle Jim" on VHS

IN FOND MEMORY: Tex Beneke; May 30, 86; Band leader on radio a lot...**Sybil Trent**, Jun 5, 73. One of our favorites at our convention, coming many times. Best know for her performances on Let's Pretend...**Robert Lurtsema**, Jun 12, 68; host of Morning Pro Musica on Public Radio...**Elinor Harriot Nathan**, Jun 17, 80; Ruby in Amos 'n' Andy...**Lonni Johnston Brengel**, Jun 23, 91; Stage and radio actress.

Hello Again is \$15 a year and is published 6 times a year. The first issue appeared in April of 1970.

Write if you get work; and hang by your thumbs

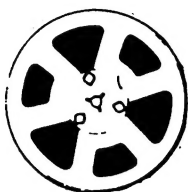
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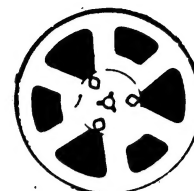
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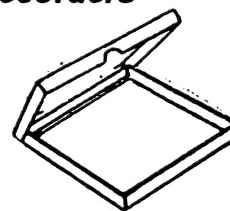
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Foreword by Peter Boone

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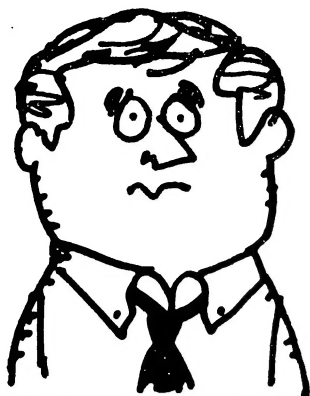
You can learn all these and many more when you purchase your copy of The Have Gun- Will Travel Companion, due for release in October of 2000! This book also includes:

- All 106 radio broadcasts, including official script titles, plots, complete cast lists (who played who), rehearsal and recording dates and times, writers, directors, etc.
- All 225 television episodes, which includes the same information stated above.
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Any pre-publication orders received before September 1, 2000 pays no postage!
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Most Fathers have turned silver headed
Knowing Best over the years and the **Friends
Of Old Time Radio Convention** has also turned
silver this year with it's **25th Annual Convention.**
Oct. 19-22, 2000 Holiday Inn North, Newark

Guests

Special Convention Guests who have given definite or **tentative** acceptance of our invitations:

West Coast Guests

Dick Beals – The Long Ranger; Gunsmoke
Sam Edwards – Fort Laramie; Father Knows Best
Art Gilmore – (Announcer) Amos 'n' Andy
Bob Hastings – Archie Andrews; (Television) McHale's
Navy
Bob Mott – (Sound Effects)
Norma Jean Nilsson – Father Knows Best
Gale Storm – My Little Margie
Johnny Western – (Singer; composer; Disc Jockey)
Rhoda Williams – Father Knows Best

New East Coast Guests

Ann DeMarco – (Singer with DeMarco Sisters) Fred Allen
Eileen Farrell – (Concert and opera Singer)
John Sforza – (Author) Andrews Sisters

Returnees

Arthur Anderson – Let's Pretend, Hotel For Pets
George Ansbrosio – (Announcer) ABC
Don Buka – Let's Pretend
Fred Foy – (Announcer) Sgt. Preston of the Yukon; The Lone
Ranger
Earl George – Captain Midnight; Doc Savage
Toni Gillman – Life Begins; Young Widder Brown
Pat Hosley – A Brighter Day
Will Hutchins – (TV) Blondie; Sugarfoot
Elaine Hyman – The Lone Ranger
Ruth Last – Let's Pretend; Quiet Please
Rita Lloyd – Let's Pretend
Peg Lynch – Ethel and Albert
Bill Owen – (Announcer for ABC)
Rosemary Rice – Archie Andrews; Let's Pretend
Rosa Rio – (Organist) Many radio shows
Larry Robinson – Let's Pretend

Events

The following events are **tentatively** scheduled. Time will be announced at convention.

Thursday

Dealers Rooms: 10 am – 5:30 pm
Doc Savage (Tom Powers)
Cocktails and Dinner: 5:30 - 8:00
The winning original drama of 1999 by Michael Leannah will be presented (Dragnet Parody - Dir. by A. Anderson)
Entertainment by Johnny Western
Fans present (Molle) Mystery Theater

Friday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Top ten comedy and mystery Shows (Gary Yoggy)
Sound Effects Workshop (Sue Zizza and guests)
Westerns (with Mitchell Weisberg) (Guest; Johnny Western)
Jean Shepard (with Max Schmid)
Peg Lynch talks about Ethel and Albert (with Ron Lackmann)
Mel Blanc (with Mary Lou Wallace and Walt Mitchell)
Father Knows Best Panel (with Gary Yoggy and guests)
The Gotham Players present **Escape "The Blue Wall;"** Dir. by Steve Lewis; Produced by Max Schmid

Friday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.
(Re-creation) Richard Diamond (with Bob Hastings and Rosemary Rice) (Dir. by Don Ramlow)
Rosa Rio Presents
(Re-creation) The Six Shooter (with Will Hutchins and Dick Beals)
(Dir. by Anthony Tollin)

Saturday (Daytime)

Dealers Rooms: 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
Game Shows (Mitchell Weisberg and Dave Zwengler)
Humorous Look at the Lone Ranger (with Fred Foy) (Hosted by Derek Tague and Jim Nixon)
Andrews Sisters Panel (with Author John Sforza) (also with Gary Yoggy and the Boogie Woogie Girls)
(Re-creation) by Hunterdon Radio Theater; "The Broken Shutter" based on E A Poe's "The Tell-Tale Heart."
Panel by Jack French: "Hollywood OTR Gossips"

Amos 'n' Andy Retrospective (hosted by Anthony Tollin) with Art Gilmore and other guests; includes one 15-minute episode Singers, musicians and Big Bands, Part 4 (hosted by Stu Weiss and Michael Henry; guests include Gale Storm; Eileen Farrell; Ann DeMarco; Johnny Western; Rosa Rio (Re-creation) Mr. Keene (Dir. by Bill Nadel)

Saturday Night

Cocktails and dinner: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.
(Re-creation) Ethel and Albert with Peg Lynch and Bob Hastings
(Re-creation) Let's Pretend "Cinderella" with Rosemary Rice; dir. by Arthur Anderson
(Re-creation) Father Knows Best with Rhoda Williams, Norma Jean Nilsson, Sam Edwards, Toni Gillman, Arthur Anderson; dir by Gary Yoggy
Awards, raffle, donations

Sunday Morning

Breakfast from 8:00 am to 11:00 am. There will be a panel of guests to be decided.

Getting There

By Air: Fly to Newark Airport
Free shuttle bus from Newark Airport.

By Bus: Bus service from Manhattan's Port Authority to Newark Airport: then take shuttle bus.

By Car: From NJ Turnpike, take Exit 14; take second right marked **FRONTAGE ROAD** after toll booth. **DO NOT TAKE FIRST RIGHT** which is Rt. 1 & 9. Take second right directly under bridge marked **Frontage Road**. You must take one of the right - hand tolls and stay on the right.

From Garden State Parkway south of airport, take Exit 140 to Route 22E to Routes 1 & 9 North, local. Follow the sign marked **FRONTAGE ROAD**. Follow to hotel.

From Garden State Partway North of airport: take Exit 142 to I-78 to Exit 58B (**Frontage Road**)

From Newark Airport, exit airport and follow route 1 & 9 North to **FRONTAGE ROAD**.

By Train: Check your local train schedule

Cost

Reserve your spot as soon as possible. **Prepaid tickets are held at the door. Take advantage of our package specials described on attached sheet.**

Thursday, October 19; Daytime only (10 am – 5 pm); \$10

Thursday, October 19; Daytime and evening including dinner (10 am – closing) \$36.00. Choice of London broil, chicken cordon bleu, stuffed fillet of sole. **Please indicate choice when you make your reservation.**

Friday, October 20: Daytime only (9 am – 5:30 pm)
\$15.00 if paid in advance; **\$20.00** at the door.

Friday, October 20: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - closing) \$48.00. Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

Saturday, October 21: Daytime only (9 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.)
\$15.00 if paid in advance; **\$20.00** at the door.

Saturday, October 21: Daytime and evening including buffet dinner (9 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.) \$54.00. Discount of \$3.00 for those over 62 and under 16.

Sunday, October 22: Morning including buffet breakfast and panel, 8:00 to 11:00 am: \$17

Complimentary coffee, muffins and bagels early Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings; complimentary hors d'oeuvres Friday and Saturday evenings. Hors d'oeuvres for dinner guests only.

Dealer's Tables are \$65 and \$95 each plus appropriate registration fees. Details on special sheet.

Hotel: Rooms are \$130, no matter how many in a room, no matter how many nights. **ALL ROOMS MUST BE RESERVED USING THE HI 800 NUMBER.** Call 1-8800-465-4329 and tell the person that answers that you are making a reservation for **FOTR**. Reservation must be placed by September 22nd. Rooms are limited. **There are other options described on special sheet.**

Ads: Ads may be placed in our program book. **See attached notice.**

Registration

Advance dinner reservations **must** be made. Reservations are limited (Friday 300; Saturday 400). Make checks out to FOTR or Jay Hickerson

Mail to Jay Hickerson, Box 4321, Hamden, CT 06514.
(203) 248-2887; FAX (203) 281-1322; E-mail JayHick@aol.com

On the Web at: www.lofcom.com/nostalgia/FOTR

25th Friends of Old-time Radio Convention

Oct 19 – 22, 2000

Updated and Further Information

Registration

All meal reservations **MUST** be paid in advance. If you are coming for the day only, avoid the hassle of paying at the registration desk and **save \$5**. Preregistration for the day only is **\$15 if mailed in advance** and **\$20 if paid at the door** for both Friday or Saturday. Remember, if you register at the door, you have to fill out a registration card. If you can't attend the dinner but wish to stay for the activities afterwards, the cost is **\$15** for each night.

The cocktail hour is for dinner guests only. If you come for the day only, but wish to stay for the cocktail hour and hors d'oeuvres, add \$10 to the cost.

PACKAGE PRICES: If you come for all 4 meals (Thursday through Sunday, cost is **\$142** instead of \$155 (\$136 for seniors). If you come for Thursday through Saturday, cost is **\$127** instead of \$138 (\$121 for seniors). If you come for Friday through Sunday, cost is **\$109** instead of \$119 (\$103 for seniors). Make reservations, pay early and avoid lines at the registration table. Tickets are not sent when you register. They are held at the door. If you want confirmation that money has been received, please send a SASE or e-mail address.

Rooms

Rooms must be reserved through the Holiday Inn 800 number. Call the Holiday Inn-North at 1-800-465-4329 and tell the person that answers that you are making reservation for FOTR. Cost of the rooms is **\$130 a day**, regardless of the number of days or number of people in the room. **A deposit might be required (by credit card).** If you must cancel, you must do it by 6 pm of the day you are arriving. Rooms should be reserved by **September 22nd**. If you reserve them after that, you will be taking a chance on availability. The Holiday Inn has now been totally renovated.

If you wish to stay at the **Howard Johnson**, which is also renovated and a half mile from the Holiday Inn, cost per night is \$100, a \$30 saving. There is shuttle service. Call Howard Johnson at 1-800-446-4656.

If you wish to stay next door at the **Sheraton**, call 1-800-325-3535.

Better rates might be obtained by calling the 800 numbers of Holiday Inn (1-800-465-4329) or The Howard Johnson (1-800-446-4656) as soon as you can. Don't mention FOTR at first. Don't forget to try the Sheraton. Try to share rooms with someone. Mention AARP and/or AAA if appropriate.

Seating

Sit where you wish on Thursday and Sunday. On Friday and Saturday, tables will be numbered and **will** be assigned in advance. Tables sit 10 people. If you wish to reserve a full or partial table, please let me know in advance with whom you would like to sit. Make sure the people with whom you wish to sit are coming. A few people gave me a long list of people to choose from. I can't do this. **All those** who register at the door or who have no preference will sit where there is room. Table reservations **must** be made in advance. We expect a larger attendance than usual.

Ads

Ads may be placed in our program book (8 1/2 by 11). This is our 24th year and we will again have an expanded program book with guest biographies and articles. Cost for ads are:

Full Page – 8 1/2 by 11	\$90	Half Page – 5 1/2 by 8 1/2 or 4 by 11	\$55
Quarter Page – 4 by 5	\$35	Two full Pages –	\$150

Dealers at our convention may take a 35% discount on the ad. Help support our 25th annual convention.

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Wednesday

To all Wednesday overnight guests and committee...Come and join us for complimentary wine, beer and cheese in the Dresden Room from about 6 pm to about 10 pm. There also will be soft drinks and vegetable & cheese platters. Although we did not do this last year, we are doing it this year, our 25th. Please let me know if you plan to attend.

Thursday

Remember to let me know your choice of food for Thursday night. Also remember, the dealers are open from 10 am. I will be at the Holiday Inn Wednesday afternoon.

Food

If you have to eat at a particular time or need special food, please let me know in advance.

Fan Participation

There will be a FAN re-creation on Thursday night. Tryouts will be at 1 pm on Thursday. The re-creation will be Molle Mystery Theater "Follow that Cab." We invite everyone to try out, even if you have never acted before.

Dealers

Cost for dealers will range from \$65 to \$95 per table depending on what room it is in. All details on a special sheet. If a special sheet is not included and you want a dealers table but are not particular as to the room it is in, cost will be \$65 a table. Registration fees for dealers will be reduced. Dealers can arrive as early as 7 am Thursday morning to set up. Some dealers will be able to set up late Wednesday night. I will let you know as I get closer to the date.

No Smoking

This is a smoke free convention. The Hotel is under new management and is completely renovated. There now is **NO SMOKING ANYWHERE in the convention area, the lobby or the rest rooms.**